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the following shipments passed through the border stations mentioned, in the directions indicated, from 1 through 7 November 1953:

Border Station	Date in November	Westbound		Eastbound	
		Loaded	Empty	Loaded	Empty
Scheuna	1	77		32	1
	2	3		25	2
	3	28		2	-
	4	35		-	-
	5	26		-	-
	6	2		2	1
	7	40		1	-
Muestrin	1	271	32	137	264
	2	408	81	76	421
	3	431	45	92	355
	4	439	3	182	264
	5	355	60	132	213
	6	331	31	64	387
	7	398	47	168	251
Frankfurt/O	1	528	7	195	319
	2	383	27	164	278
	3	463	37	224	326
	4	355	58	250	238
	5	366	55	247	267
	6	434	44	287	173
	7	58	51	71	54
Guben	1	333	-	93	399
	2	305	38	54	270
	3	377	2	93	273
	4	288	52	132	338
	5	343	47	53	332
	6	272	36	54	291
	7	361	53	133	398

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Border Station	Westbound			Eastbound		
	Date in November	Number Loaded	Number of Cars Empty	Number Loaded	Number Empty	
Forst	1	443	4	-	469	
	2	465	7	-	424	
	3	429	7	9	421	
	4	473	5	1	458	
	5	446	8	1	351	
	6	463	9	-	444	
	7	461	7	3	450	
Horka	1	440	80	45	534	
	2	400	122	80	384	
	3	375	146	99	550	
	4	389	127	43	476	
	5	494	58	57	507	
	6	474	97	130	428	
	7	551	20	104	453	
Bad Schandau	1	450	84	202	151	
	2	347	116	232	189	
	3	461	110	203	215	
	4	487	124	205	173	
	5	338	128	306	258	
	6	397	91	223	230	
	7	273	104	275	162	
Bad Brambach	1	31	17	16	108	
	2	32	29	54	21	
	3	79	8	74	89	
	4	110	23	93	135	
	5	67	14	109	52	
	6	46	3	79	122	
	7	67	12	159	77	
Sassnitz/ Schweden	1	50	12	34	31	
	2	52	8	29	31	
	3	45	2	38	3	
	4	76	5	67	12	
	5	62	30	59	6	
	6	54	23	44	13	
	7	47	14	45	33	

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Comment. After a two-month interruption the numbers of railroad cars passing through East German border crossing stations have been reported for the first time. Information of this type makes it possible to determine fluctuations in the volume of traffic directed through specific border stations in both directions and to observe the ratio between incoming and outgoing railroad cars and thus to determine whether large numbers of empty cars are being assembled outside East Germany.

According to the present report, the following numbers of loaded and empty cars passed through the border stations listed in both directions.

Border Station	Westbound	Eastbound
Scheune	30	9
Kuestrin	419	429
Frankfurt/Oder	409	442
Guben	358	416
Forst	461	433
Horka	539	536
Bad Schandau	501	432
Bad Brambach	77	169
Sassnitz(ferry traffic to Trelleborg)	69	64

The increased traffic directed through Horka, Forst, Guben, and Kuestrin was connected

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with increased coal imports from Poland. These increased imports have been observed since mid-September 1953 and were necessitated by the conversion of East German locomotives to hard coal firing.

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